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Improved Rural Schools

For the past several years the State Board has had in mind a definite policy for the improvement of rural education. The execution of this policy was seriously handicapped by the war and after-war conditions First of all it was necessary to secure an admendment to the Constitution in order to put rural education on the same relative basis as the education in the cities. A proposed admendment was passed in 1918 and again in 1920, and this admendment was voted upon by the people of the State last November, and passed with a majority of about eighty thousand.

The foundation is thus laid for better rural schools and the State Board is taking advantage of the first opportunity to set up definite standards. The standards for the rural schools relate to two aspects of the question — first — to the school building and sanitary conditions, and second, and more important, to the quality of instruction.

For some time people have become accustomed to think of standards for high schools. It is of even more importance for patrons to understand what constitutes a good rural elementary school. The standards and definitions which have been given out are designed to create throughout the State a fixed understanding of what a rural school should be. The importance of this question cannot be overstated. While no attempt is made to give the full standards fixed by the State Board, in general terms, there are about as follows:

First—The building must be constructed in accordance with the law, must have proper floor space, air space and lighting area. There must be two well designated and well kept sanitaries The yard must be large enough not only to accommodate the schoolhouse, but to provide reasonable playground. The school premises must be kept in neat and orderly condition. Everything conducive to good health among the pupils is urged particularly for the rural schools.

Second — The teacher must have sufficient qualifications to guarantee a good type of instruction. The Department of Education is insistent upon the necessity of attracting properly qualified teachers to the rural schools. Until this condition is broughtabout the instruction in the rural schools cannot be of standard quality. The State Board prescribes for a standard rural school the teacher must hold at least a first-grade certificate, and higher qualifications are urged.

The salary of the teacher in the standard school must be not less than $85 per month. This salary is fixed because it is the minimum amount for which well trained teachers can be secured. In a great many counties in the Commonwealth smaller towns are paying salaries as much or larger than this, whereas in the rural schools the salary is very much reduced. If need be, school boards are urged to give a bonus to the teachers in the rural one-and two room schools in order to induce the best teachers to undertake this work.

The lenght of term for a standard rural school must be nine months. This has long since been accepted as the standard term for city schools, and for high schools every where. Every argument for a nine months high school term is a stronger argument for a nine months elementary term. Of course, in some sections the term may be shortened because students are needed on the farms, but in these cases proper adjustments will be made. The main idea of the State Board is to establish just as good school term for the rural schools as for those of any other tyye. In some cases the term may be fixed at nine months with with part time school work in early fall and late spring, in order that the larger boys may have a chance to go to school and help on the farm at the same season

For each one room school which meets the standards set up by the State Board, the Board will appropriate $150 in addition to the regular State funds. For the two-room school the appropriation is $225, and for the school of three rooms or more the added appropriation is $300. These sums represent an actual bonus in addition to the State funds distributed on the per capita basis.

It is the sincere hope of the Board of Education that the people in the rural sections of the State will commence to think in terms of properly equipped and properly maintained rural schools. Education cannot adequately serve the people of the Commonwealth unless the standards long since accepted in our cities are applied with equal force to rural conditions.

Under the changed Constitution and under the present statue any community in Virginia may now have just as good a school as it wants. When estimates are made in April for the ensuing year, it is urged that proper consideration be given to rural schools, and that adequate levies be asked on which these schools may be safely and wisely conducted.

Sen. Glass Favors Bonds for Roads

Virginia people are paying a terrific indirect tax every year because of the mud roads throughout the State. This was one of the telling statements made by Senator Carter Glass in an address which he delivered at the tenth annual convention of the Virginia Good Roads Association held last week in Roanoke and attended by 800 good roads advocates from all sections.

Senator Glass declared that the people of the State were losing millions annually in the form of a "mud tax" although they did not realize it because the money did not come directly from their pockets. He stated that it would be far better to pay for good roads and put an end to this direct loss and also aid in the great development to the State which would result from better highways.

The issuance of bonds by the State for highway construction and maintenance was heartily approved by Senator Glass in his address He told the convention delegates that roads cost a great deal and a large amount was necessary to build them as rapidly as they should be constructed. This was not possible with current revenue and the issuance of bonds would be the best kind of business investment, he said.

Buckingham

Some men are born great, some men achieve greatness, and some men have greatness thrust upon them. Now in the campaign which is on who is the man who is going to have greatness thrust upon him? I refer to men in Buckingham only.

Miss Mary Haskins, who is teaching the Greyburn public school this session left Saturday for New Kent county to visit her sister, Mrs. N. A McKay, who is slowly recovering from a recent spell of typhoid fever

Miss Mabel Groseclose visited Miss Fannie G. Haskins the past week.

The two rival warehouses at Dillwyn are each bidding for patronage; competition is the life of trade and now the report has gone abroad in the county that as good prices are to be obtained at Dillwyn as at Farmville, men flocked there last week to make sales. Mr James Wooten sold some leaf there for $22

The ground hog saw his shadow on Feb 2nd and the time honored tradition "That we will have six more weeks of bad winter weather" is still believed in by some people, however, men got in some good work at plowing the past week and I commenced sowing oats. $1.50 a bushel is what farmers want for winter seed oats and if I did not have a supply I would not pay that price for them. I bought guano to sow oats and paid $4 10 per sack for it.

Rev. Mr. Stinson of the Methodist church is a vigorous and aggressive minister and on Sunday last he preached here an interesting sermon in which he made plain what our duty was in regard to having family prayer and teaching the Bible in our homes. He said he took one of the school books now in use and looked it through and he could not find anything about the Bible.

The Board of Supervisors meet here today and it is to be hoped it can do something towards having the sand clay road repaired, as it is sorely in need of it in some places.

There is a scarcity of shoats and pigs here caused by the low price of meat last fall when most people killed off their brood sows.

Negro miners who have been working for years in the mines of W Va., say that work is so dull out there that there is nothing in it.

Plant patches are being burned now and the improved prices of tobacco has somewhat stimulated tobacco raisers to exertion.

I bought 100 pounds of sugar for $9 25 the past week in some places it is retailing as high as 12 cents a pound.

Wood choppers are asking $1 25 a cord for cutting cord wood.

R. R. ties have declined 10 and 15 cents each.

One of my neighbors paid $60 for ten barrels of corn last week and the buyer did the hauling—as a general thing I think $6 is the price delivered.

Mr E W. Hubard has been staying in Richmond since his marriage, and I think he intends to live at 'Saratoga" his old ancestral home when he comes back to the country.

The lines are being drawn between Tucker and Trinkle for the nomination for Governor and one prominent man who is for Tucker has a wife who is a prominent and influential lady and she is for Trinkle.

Rev. John L. Rogers is visiting at the home of Mrs. John G. Glover, his sister.

I hear there are five candidates for the office of Division Superintendent of schools, one of whom is a lady. Someone predicts that we will have a lady candidate for Governor after a while, but I do not think many ladies would want to hear of their sex made Governor of the State.

There is some talk of a 3rd candidate for the legislature here, but only two have announced their candidacy so far

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T L Wilkerson. ..... Plaintiff
against
Bernice Wilkerson ..... Defendant

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony upon the grounds of abandonment and desertion, in conformity with Chapter 96 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia, 1919, as amended by section 5108 of the Code of Virginia, 1919

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Bernice Wilkerson, is not resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within ten days after the publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the Times Virginian a newspaper published in the county of Appomattox, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court house of this county on the 3rd day of January, 1921, that being the next succeeding rule day after this order was entered.

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